

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 201 without my signature.

This bill would create a fine for an owner who returns an unlicensed taxicab to operation and would specify impoundment procedures for the release of an illegally operated and unlicensed taxicab to a legal owner.

Even though so-called bandit taxicabs are an increasing problem in many areas, this measure is unnecessary because local governments already have the ability to establish procedures regarding taxicab transportation and the impoundment of illegal taxicabs as it pertains to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. This bill would create specific state standards for all local jurisdictions to follow, ultimately removing local control and collectively reducing the ability of local governments to determine what is in the best interests of their communities.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger